To the Independent FREE BURGESSES *of* NEWCASTLE.

NOW or never, my Lads, is the Time to exert yourſelves in the Cauſe of Liberty, which you ſo nobly ſupported in the Year 1774, againſt the Power and Influence of Magiſtratic Domination; this is the Criſis which will determine the Fate of your future Freedom of Choice; if you do not ſupport Mr Bowes at this Election it will be loſt, perhaps for ever. What is the Reaſon you do not unite (to a Man) in his Favour? Some of you I know will ſay, That he voted for ſupporting the Old Miniſtry, againſt Mr Pitt. It is true, and I was not pleaſed with it; but did not Sir M. W. Ridley, and many of the moſt reſpectable Characters in the Kingdom, do the ſame? It is invidious to make Compariſons of Characters; but, in God's Name, what have we to expect from Mr Brandling? Is it his Generoſity, his Hoſpitality, or his Powers of Oratory, that we are to admire in him? Or is it his *habitual Intercourſe* with the Freemen, or his ſending to London or York for what Newcaſtle could ſupply him with as well, that has *endeared* him to us? For my Life I cannot diſcover the Merit of his Pretenſions; let us therefore, I ſay again, unite in ſupporting Mr Bowes, as well for the Sake of ourſelves, as in Gratitude to him who hath done ſo much to ſupport us. By redeeming us from the abject and manacled State that we were in before he took us by the Hand, he may be juſtly ſaid to have given us the Franchiſe we are now going to exerciſe: And ſhall we make uſe of it againſt the very Power that gave it? Forbid it Shame, forbid it Gratitude. If we are ſo infatuated as to neglect the preſent Opportunity of ſecuring our Independence, and acquitting ourſelves of the great Obligation we owe to Mr Bowes, we ſhall certainly fall into our former Inſignificance, without deſerving either Pity or further Aſſiſtance.

An INDEPENDENT BURGESS.